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SUBJECT: SAFETY OF UNTSO OFFICERS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

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1. BECAUSE OF CONTINUING THREATS TO THE SAFETY OF
UNTSO OFFICERS STATIONED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, WE
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FULL DISCUSSION OF SITUATION WITH
UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, PERHAPS AT LEVEL OF JAMES
JONAH. WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE PROPOSE TO SEND
LT. COL. PETER H. BOUTON, U.S. ARMY, TO NEW YORK AT
EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE TO JOIN IN DISCUSSION.

2. REGARDING GENERAL QUESTION OF SAFETY, WE WISH TO
REVIEW WITH JONAH THE STEPS UNTSO COMMAND HAS TAKEN
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IN SEEKING THE COOPERATION OF ALL THE FACTIONS FIGHTING
IN THE AREA IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF UNTSO
PERSONNEL. WE WILL ASK JONAH WHETHER IT MIGHT BE
USEFUL FOR SENIOR SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, OR EVEN
WALDHEIM HIMSELF, TO UNDERSCORE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF
AREA GOVERNMENTS AND TO THE PLO THE RISKS INHERENT
IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

3. BOUTON ALSO WISHES TO DISCUSS VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR

ENSURING THAT UNTSO HAS AN EFFECTIVE MEDICAL EVACUATION
CAPABILITY AT ALL TIMES AVAILABLE FOR SOUTHERN
LEBANON. OTHER RELATED QUESTIONS WE WOULD RAISE
WOULD BE:

-- PROVISION OF FIRST AID TRAINING AND SUPPLIES TO
ALL OBSERVERS IN HAZARDOUS AREAS, AND

-- PROVISION OF MINE DETECTOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING
TO OBSERVERS.

4. DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF MEETING, WE MAY
WISH TO FOLLOW UP THIS CONVERSATION AT A MORE SENIOR
LEVEL.

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